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45-41 win over Glasgow earns Clinton All ‘A’ regional title ‘A’ big win sends Dawgs to Frankfort

For the third time in seven seasons, the Clinton County Bulldogs were crowned Champions of the 4th Region in the Touchstone Energy All “A” Classic basketball system, earning them the right to continue in the tournament into this week’s state level finale of the event, the organization’s equivalent of the Sweet 16.

Clinton County picked up a 45-41 victory last Saturday night in the championship game against Glasgow, the same team that had defeated the Bulldogs in the 2012 championship game. The Bulldogs had earlier defeated Monroe County, 54-39, in semi-final action to earn the berth in Saturday night’s championship game.

The Bulldogs will now advance to the All

“A” Classic State Tournament in Frankfort, Kentucky at the Frankfort Convention Center, where they will compete against 15 other regional champions from across the state.

The Bulldogs are set to take on Knott County Central of the 14th Region in a game that will tip-off at 7:00 p.m. Central time on Thursday. Tickets to Thursday’s opening round contest are being sold from the front office at Clinton County High School during regular school hours.

A complete rundown of last week’s All “A” Classic tournament action can be found this week in Sports.

Congratulations to the team and coaches on another 4th Region All “A” Classic title!

We Are Bulldogs!



Wearing shirts proclaiming the All “A” Classic 4th region championship title, the Clinton County Bulldogs are shown in the above photo hoisting the championship trophy in front of a home crowd of fans this past Saturday night.

At left, senior guard Ryan Beard was within inches of a menacing Glasgow Scottie pep section Saturday night during an inbounds play from the sidelines.

The Bulldogs travel to Frankfort to face Knott County Central Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the All “A” State Tournament.

Corps of Engineers announces last week that work should be complete this spring

Repair project at Wolf Creek Dam nears completion

After seven years of construction work and lower water levels on Lake Cumberland that affected tourism commerce and even threatened water availability for Albany Municipal Water customers, the Corps of Engineers announced last week that the rehabilitation project at Wolf Creek Dam is nearing completion.

The announcement came Thursday afternoon when marinas were notified of the situation and was made official early Friday morning when the Corps issued a press release from the Nashville District Commander, Lt. Col. James DeLapp.

That announcement contained two positive points, the first being that the project was expected to be completed early this spring several months ahead of schedule, and that it was expected that the level of Lake Cumberland would likely be raised

for the upcoming summer tourism season by some 20 feet, to an elevation between 700 and 705 feet.

The news was a welcome announcement to Rick Mercader, general manager at Grider Hill Marina, the only commercial marina in operation on Lake Cumberland that is in Clinton County.

“It’s just great news,” Mercader told the Clinton County News during a telephone conversation as he was traveling to set-up a booth for Grider Hill last week at the Cincinnati Boat Show.

Since construction to repair the leaking concrete and earthen Wolf Creek Dam began, water levels at Lake Cumberland have been lowered in an effort to reduce the pressure created by the water against the dam.

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School back in session after flu cancels classes a second time

The flu-like viruses that have gripped most of the nation, especially since early winter, continued to “hang on” here in Clinton and surrounding counties last week, prompting school officials to again call off classes for two school days.

Following low attendance a week ago Friday, January 11, when more than 12 percent of the students across the district--and reportedly some teachers--were absent, Superintendent Charlotte

Bernard announced the cancellation of classes for Monday and Tuesday, January 14 and 15.

It was hoped that the weekend period and two class days would be enough time for the flu symptoms to be abated enough to return to school. However, when classes resumed last Wednesday, January 16, not only had the situation not improved, but attendance numbers were even worse than the Friday before, when the attendance rate was slightly over

87 percent district-wide.

Classes resumed once again on Tuesday of this week, January 22., and the additional time at home apparently worked as district-wide attendance levels were reported to the Clinton County News on Tuesday morning to be at about 91 percent.

Director of Pupil Personnel Julie York told the Clinton County News last Wednesday

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Fiscal court meets, budget and IDA issues discussed at length

Clinton Fiscal Court held its second meeting of the year, and first regular session of 2013, last Thursday evening, January 17 and all members were present for the one-hour meeting, which included a 40-minute closed session on personnel.

On separate motions, the court first approved the monthly and quarterly treasurer’s reports and a list of fund transfers. Treasurer Dallas Sidwell noted that all transfers this month were expenditures only, or moving funds from one code to another to meet the budget.

Three members were then appointed, upon recommendations by Judge/Executive Lyle Huff, to the IDA (Industrial Development Authority)

Board, including the reappointments Glenn Ray Smith and Randy Speck for three-year terms and a new member to fill a vacancy, that being Chrystal Irwin for a two-year term on the board.

Judge Huff also went on record as saying since there was a feeling among court members that board members (on all appointed boards) needed to be changed occasionally to get new input and ideas, that he would no longer appoint anyone to any board past two terms before recommending they be switched out.

During the discussion on appointment of board

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Organ donor logo can now be placed on driver’s licenses

As of this Wednesday, January 23, you can add a symbol that stands for hope and generosity on something you carry with you everywhere: your driver’s license. Like Indiana, Ohio and several other states, Kentuckians will now have the option to have an organ donor heart printed on their license.

“For more than 20 years, the Circuit Clerks of Kentucky have been educating communities about the life-saving mission of organ donation. Thousands of kids and adults are waiting for an organ transplant today. Now, Kentuckians can proudly show their support for these patients in need,” explains Clinton County Circuit Clerk Jake Staton.

When renewing a license, deputy clerks ask all Kentuckians if they would like to be a registered organ donor. Everyone who says “yes” will have the option to have a small, blue heart with the words “organ donor” printed on his or her li-

cense. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has worked hand in hand with the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks and the Trust for Life to get the heart symbol added to driver’s license and ID cards.

“This is an important advancement in Kentucky. The organ donor heart will emphasize that it’s “not” about signing the back of your license anymore. It’s about saying ‘yes’ and joining the Kentucky Organ Donor Registry,” explained Shelley Snyder, executive director of the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks’ Trust for Life.

Each day 18 patients die waiting for a life-saving organ transplant. Every 10 minutes a new name is added to the waiting list. Only 35 percent of Kentuckians are registered organ donors.

“Everyone who comes into my office for a driver’s license or ID can add his or her name to

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Weather

The bitter cold loses its grip somewhat as warmer temperatures are in the forecast, with highs in the 30s through the weekend, lows in the 20s. A chance of snow Friday.

Last Year

Headlines from the front page one year ago:

Big budget woes have court discussing revenue options

Corps begins application process for new marina

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We would like to congratulate our Laboratory Department for again completing their (CLIA) Certification.


The Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) of 1988 establishes quality standards for all applicable medical/clinical laboratory testing to ensure the accuracy, reliability and timeliness of patient test results. Clinton County Hospital Laboratory has met (CLIA) standards since they were established in 1988.

Pictured at right are: front row, left to right: Omega West, MLT; Nicole Fulton, MLT; Pasty Walker, MT. Back row, left to right: Stacey Piercey, MLT; Lisa Gadberry, Laboratory Supervisor MT; Sheila Buck, MT; Sarah Vincent, MLT; Sherry Cope, MLT; and Lisa Rush, MT.




Admitting and treating patients is but one aspect of a hospital's job. Another is preventing the spread of infectious disease. The Housekeeping Department is the behind the scenes warriors of disease and infection control. They sweep, mop, and empty trash. They clean emergency rooms, waiting rooms, and offices. They sanitize every facet of patient rooms to insure that the next patient has a clean, sterile environment in which to enter. They also spend many hours mopping, waxing, and buffing to keep the hospital new-looking. The Housekeeping Department hopes to take away some of the worry about being in a hospital by maintaining a clean, safe, and infection-free facility. They take pride in their job everyday.

The Clinton County Hospital would like to thank each one of them for a job well done!



Pictured left to right are: Phyllis R. Flowers, Mary Lowhorn, Vannie Stinson, Kerry Ayers, Joanne Smith, and Phyllis Flowers, Supervisor. Not pictured: Sharon Jones and Karrena Owens.



Pictured left to right are: Earl Polston, Ryan Bilbrey, David Flowers and Linnie Beaty.

THINGS TO DO

Elder abuse meeting

The regional meeting of the Lake Cumberland Area Development District Elder Abuse Council will be on Thursday, January 31 at 10 a.m. CDT in the Lake Cumberland Area Development District Conference Room in Russell Springs. All public officials, law enforcement officials, and concerned citizens against elder abuse are encouraged to attend and become involved. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joyce Martin or Carrie Frost at 1-800-264-7093 or 270-866-4200.

Relay for Life meeting

The Clinton County Relay For Life will meet Thursday, January 24 at 5 p.m. at the cafeteria of the Early Childhood Center. Anyone interested in forming a team or joining a team is invited to attend.

LCADD Board of Directors to meet

The Lake Cumberland Area Development District Board of Directors regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the ADD Office in Russell Springs.

Soil Conservation meeting

The Clinton County Soil Conservation District will hold a special call meeting Thursday, January 24 at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room of the FSA/NRCS office. The meeting is open to the public.

Wellness Center group fitness classes

The following group fitness classes are being offered at the Twin Lakes Family Wellness Center:

- * Monday: Water aerobics, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; cycling, 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Ab Ripper, 4:30-5 p.m.; cycling, 5-6 p.m.; zumba, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
- * Tuesday: Pilates/yoga, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; dancer-cise, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; ab ripper, 4:30-5 p.m.; cycling, 5-6 p.m.; water aerobics, 5-6 p.m.; beginner zumba, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
- * Wednesday: Water aerobics, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; ab ripper, 4:30-5 p.m.
- * Thursday: Pilates/yoga, 8:30-9:30 a.m.; dancer-cise, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; ab ripper, 4:50-5 p.m.; cycling, 5-6 p.m.; water aerobics, 5-6 p.m.; zumba, 6:15-7:15 p.m.
- * Friday: water aerobics, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Nutrition Education classes

Nutrition Education classes are being offered at the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Office on Tuesday of each week at 10 a.m. All classes are offered free of charge and are open to the public. If transportation is an issue, please call to discuss more options. For more information, contact Stacy Smith at 606-387-5404.

Narcotics Anonymous

Narcotics Anonymous group meets each Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights at 7 p.m. at the Bright Idea Missionary Baptist Church basement in Albany. These meetings are open to anyone wanting to address their drug and alcohol problems.

Hearts for Hospice event celebration dinner, dance

Hospice of Lake Cumberland is having a semi-formal dinner and dance celebrating the opening of their Hospice of Lake Cumberland Jean Waddle Care Center.

The event will be held Thursday, February 14, 2013, at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset. It is set to begin at 5:00 p.m. central time.

Klassic Tymes will be providing entertainment, Fatmans BBQ will be catering and there will be a silent auction. Please join us for this fun event, supporting Hospice of Lake Cumberland.

It is because of this community support that Hospice of Lake Cumberland can continue to provide quality end of life care to people facing a life limiting illness, regardless of ability to pay.

Please call 606-679-4389 for questions and tickets.


SODA meetings

The support group, SODA (Survivors of Domestic Violence), meets every Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Clinton County Health Department. For more information call 1-800-755-2017.

AA / Al-Anon meetings

AA and Al-Anon will be meeting each Thursday and Saturday night at 7 p.m. in the basement of the First Christian Church.

Gregory addresses senate



Sen. Sara Beth Gregory, R-Monticello, is shown during last week's initial organizational period of the 2013 session as she addressed the Kentucky Senate, requesting to co-sponsor legislation.

Gregory is serving her first term in the Kentucky Senate, representing the 16th District which includes Clinton County.

Legislative Update

by Kentucky Senator
Sara Beth Gregory
16th Senatorial District



2013 Session is in recess, but it's still a busy time

As you know, the General Assembly is in recess until February 5, but during this time we are busy with committee meetings, bill review, and meetings with constituents in our districts.

On Monday, January 14, I chaired the first meeting of the Government Contract Review Committee for the 2013 Session. It is a privilege to be the new Senate Chair of this important oversight committee. The committee is made up of a bi-partisan group of Senate and House members to review all non-exempt contracts by and between state agencies, as well as non-state budgeted agencies like the Kentucky Housing Corporation, state universities, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, among others.

In other words, it's our job to thoroughly examine state contracts to make sure the Commonwealth is getting the best value for taxpayers' money.

During this particular meeting, members reviewed 190 contracts worth \$92 million. Among the week's review was a contract that provides medical care to prisoners, as well as one that provides drug and alcohol screenings of applicants seeking to become certified miners.

Another item on the committee's agenda was a contract amendment with the Department of Community Based Services seeking to provide additional funding for Community Action Agency services, such as the LIHEAP program to help low income households pay their utility bills. At the December meeting, the committee had requested that the agency provide us with some examples of positive outcomes from the use of these funds. After a presentation from agency officials about success stories from the program, the contract amendment was approved without objection. This is just one example of how the committee works to ensure taxpayer dollars are put to good use.

The Government Contract Review Committee serves an important oversight function as the volume of contracts can increase during biennium years, as it did this past fiscal year with more than 1,800 contracts scrutinized, which totaled more than \$1.7 billion.

I'm honored to serve as your Senator and will continue to keep you informed as we go along on the work of this committee, as well as other critical issues, like public employee pension reform and improvements to HB 1, the so-called "pill mill bill."

As always, your input is important to me, so please let me know about any issues or concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact me in Frankfort toll-free at 1-800-372-7181 or by email at sara.gregory@lrc.ky.gov. For further information on pending legislation, committee assignments, meeting schedules and more you can visit the Kentucky Legislature Home page at www.lrc.ky.gov.

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Christy Nuetzman
Clinton County Extension Office

Preparing for tax season is half the battle

Source: Jennifer Hunter,

Extension Specialist for Family Resource Management

Now is the time when we start thinking about filing our income taxes from the previous year. Even though it's an annual event, it can cause anxiety for many. By preparing now, you can ease the process for yourself and your tax preparer.

The Internal Revenue Service tracks everyone by their Social Security number. Make sure you have your number and that of your spouses if filing jointly, plus the number(s) of your dependent(s). In addition to your W-2 or like form, you want to include information about any interest you earned from savings accounts, stocks or mutual funds as these are also taxable.

One of the largest deductions many people can claim is mortgage interest. If you have a mortgage, you should get a 1098 form from your lender specifying how much interest you paid in the last year. You will also want to remember any documentation for any additional deductions you may have, such as property taxes paid and charitable donations made within the past year. Common forms of documentation for charitable donations include a cancelled check if you gave a monetary donation or an itemized receipt if you donated clothes or other goods.

Your goal should be to break even at tax time, which means you don't receive a big refund from the state or federal government or you don't have to write a big check to either or both.

Every year, thousands of taxpayers will get refunds. While some consider overpaying in taxes on their paycheck a form of forced savings, you may want to consider how you could use this money throughout the year. The extra money could help you with such things as building your personal savings or emergency fund, making an extra house payment or paying off debt. To change your tax withholding, you will need to file a new W-4 form with your employer.

Many tax preparers advertise immediate money through tax refund advance services. However, these may not be the best idea for many. A fee is usually assessed in exchange for the quick cash. Tax refund advances are similar to a payday loan, and both are some of the most expensive ways to borrow money. According to the Consumer Action website, annual percentages rates can range from 50 to 500 percent on tax refund advances. A tax advance refund, or rapid refund, is a loan. If for some reason your refund is less than anticipated, you could end up paying the difference between the two and possibly additional fees or interest. Perhaps a better way to get your refund quickly is to electronically file your taxes as early as possible and have it deposited directly into your checking account. By doing so, you could have your refund as soon as 10 days later.

If you owe the IRS money this year, you may want to consider changing your withholding status with your employer so more money can be taken out throughout the year, so you're not hit with a big payment next year. If you owe taxes but don't have the money to pay due to unemployment or a reduction in work in the past year, you may qualify for the IRS's Fresh Start program, which may allow you to repay your debt in installments without failure-to-pay penalties. There are income and tax limits associated with this program. For more information on it, visit <http://www.irs.gov>.

To get more information on family financial topics, contact the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service.

Educational programs of the Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Hoover named Chamber MVP by Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

House Republican Floor Leader Jeff Hoover receives award for continued support of Kentucky's business community

House Republican Floor Leader Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, has been awarded the First Annual Chamber MVP Award by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Hoover accepted the award from Chamber President and CEO Dave Adkisson during last week's annual Chamber Dinner in Lexington.

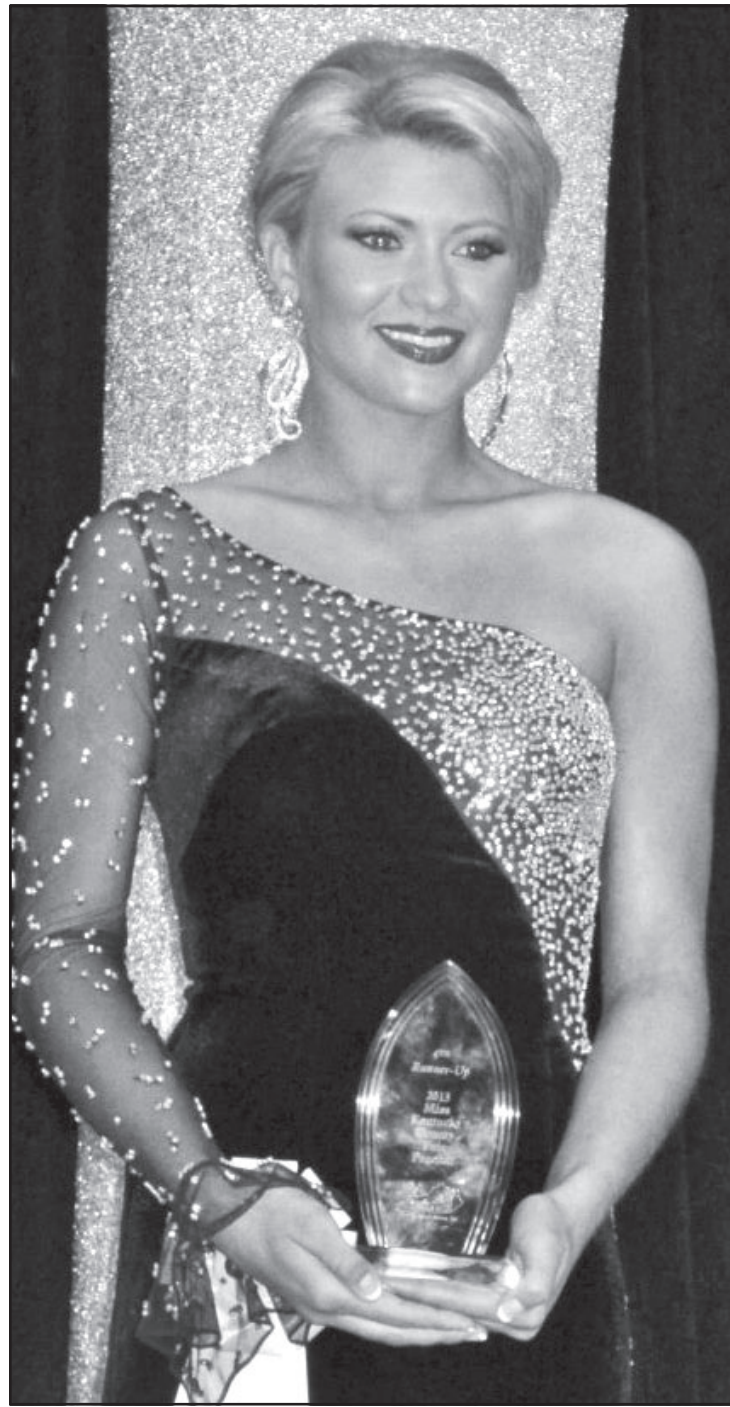
"Our business community, both small and large business, is the backbone of Kentucky's economy," said Rep. Hoover in accepting the award. "It is essential that we in government do what we can to allow business to grow and develop, which in turn allows them to create jobs

and grow our economy. I thank the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and its members for presenting me with this award."

Hoover represents the 83rd Kentucky District, which includes Clinton County as well as Russell County and a portion of Pulaski County.

Rep. Hoover was selected by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce for this award based on their work to support Kentucky's business community during the 2012 Regular Session. In addition to tracking the progress of bills related to business in the Commonwealth and how members voted, the Chamber

Miss Clinton County Fair wins fourth runner-up at Miss Kentucky County Fair Pageant in Louisville



Miss Clinton County Fair, Shelby Danielle Pettey competed for the title of Miss Kentucky County Fair on January 11th and 12th at the Galt House in Louisville, Kentucky. Miss Pettey received 4th Runner Up out of 91 girls competing for the title. The pageant is held each year during the Annual Kentucky Association of Fairs and Horse Shows winter convention.

Pettey is the 19 year old daughter of James and Michelle Pettey of Jamestown, KY. Shelby said she was very honored to have the opportunity to represent Clinton County.



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also based their criteria on how a member supported key issues considered by the Chamber and its members as critical to the growth of the state's business climate.

Rep. Hoover was one of 10 legislators presented with the Chamber MVP Award, which is a commemorative baseball bat created by Kentucky-based Louisville Slugger.

For a complete list of winners and more information on how they voted on business issues during the 2012 session, go to www.kychamber.com and select the Results for Business publication.



House Republican Floor Leader Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown, right, accepts the Chamber MVP Award from Dave Adkisson, President and CEO of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. The chamber named Rep. Hoover a Chamber MVP because of his continued support for the business community in the Commonwealth. (Photo courtesy of Kentucky Chamber of Commerce)

Library Notes

What's new at the Clinton County Public Library. www.clintoncountypubliclibrary.org.

Merry Christmas, Alex Cross by James Patterson; *Notorious Nineteen* by Janet Evanovich; *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci; *The Racketeer* by John Grisham; *The Black Box* by Michael Connelly; *Threat Vector* by Tom Clancy; *Flight Behavior* by Barbara Kingsolver; *Cross Roads* by Wm. Paul Young; *The Time Keeper* by Mitch Albom; *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn; *Killing Kennedy* by Bill O'Reilly; *It Worked For Me* by Colin Powell; *No Easy Day* by Mark Owen;

Killing Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly; *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand.

January is Forgiveness Month at the library. Any overdue books can be checked in without fines. Now is the time to gather all overdue books up and bring them in.

The library is hosting basic computer classes. Patrons will be helped at their own pace in using the internet, creating an e-mail account, and the use of Microsoft programs. These classes will be held on Tuesday at 5 p.m. and Wednesday at 11 a.m. Please call 387-5989 to sign up.

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DEFINITION

Traffic jams, paying bills, deadlines, pesky neighbors. These unpleasant or challenging situations create stress in our lives. So why is it some people deal with these stress situations better than others? The answer is complex and includes many factors from genetics to weather conditions, but an interesting study in the Journal of Manipulative and Physiological Therapeutics indicates that there is a relationship between chiropractic and the effects it can have on dealing with stress situations in your life.

This study revealed that nearly one in three patients viewed their lives as moderately to severely stressful, and more than 50% felt that stress has a moderate to severe impact on their health problems. Additionally, 71% of the patients indicated that it would be helpful if their chiropractor offered advice to help them cope with these stressful situations.

Communicating with your chiropractor about dealing with stress is the starting point, and you might be surprised to find that your chiropractor is full of sound advice on ways to effectively deal with stress in your life. Most people know that improving nerve and spinal function has a dramatic impact on improving emotional, mental and physical function. Getting the most out of your chiropractic care may include talking to your chiropractor about effective strategies to deal with the stress in your life, so be sure to inform your chiropractor about your personal situation so your Doctor of Chiropractic can help you improve your health and wellness at maximum levels.

Source: JMPT, July/August 1999 (originally published in the PCD Chiropractic Newsletter).

TREATMENT

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Kentucky's jobless rate dropped to 8.1 percent in December

Kentucky's seasonally adjusted preliminary unemployment rate dropped to 8.1 percent in December 2012 from a revised 8.2 percent in November 2012, according to the Office of Employment and Training (OET), an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

The preliminary December 2012 jobless rate was .9 percentage points below the 9 percent rate recorded for the state in December 2011.

The U.S. seasonally adjusted jobless rate remained at 7.8 percent from November 2012 to December 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Labor force statistics, including the unemployment rate, are based on estimates from the Current Population Survey of households. It is designed to measure trends rather than to count the actual number of people working. It includes jobs in agriculture and those classified as self-employed.

In December 2012, Kentucky's civilian labor force was 2,091,629, an increase of 6,142 individuals compared to the previous month. Employment also grew with the addition of 6,961 jobs.

"The expansion of the labor force means people are re-entering the job market because they see opportunities. In December, and for three of the last four months, new job growth has outpaced the entrants to the job market, driving down Kentucky's unemployment rate," said economist Manoj Shanker of the OET.

In a separate federal survey of business establishments that excludes jobs in agriculture and people who are self-employed, Kentucky's seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment decreased by 4,400 jobs in December 2012 from the previous month. On an

over-the-year basis, the state's nonfarm employment has grown by 1.6 percent with the addition of 29,000 jobs.

Nonfarm data is provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Employment Statistics program. According to this survey, four of Kentucky's 11 major nonfarm North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) job sectors registered gains in employment, while six declined and one remained the same.

Kentucky's leisure and hospitality sector grew by 1,100 jobs in December 2012. Since December 2011, the sector has expanded by 7,700 positions. This sector includes arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services.

"Accommodation and food services comprise 90 percent of this classification. This component posted job gains of 1,600 from a month ago," said Shanker.

The educational and health services sector gained 500 jobs in December 2012. The sector has posted a decline of 400 jobs since December 2011.

The information sector rose by 400 jobs in December 2012. This segment has 600 more positions compared to December 2011. The industries in this sector include traditional publishing as well as software publishing; motion pictures and broadcasting; and telecommunications.

The financial activities sector added 200 jobs in December 2012. Compared to December a year ago businesses involved in finance, insurance, real estate and property leasing have gained 2,100 jobs.

The number of jobs in the other services sector, which includes repairs and maintenance, personal care services, and religious organizations, remained

flat from November 2012 to December 2012. Compared to a year ago, there has been a gain of 1,100 jobs.

Employment in the mining and logging sector fell by 100 positions in December 2012. The number of jobs in this sector has dropped by 1,200 or 5.5 percent since last December.

Kentucky's manufacturing sector lost 800 jobs in December 2012 compared to the previous month. Since December 2011, employment in manufacturing has increased by 1,400 jobs.

"Manufacturing hiring declined across the board in December compared to the previous month. There were declines in the fabricated metal industries, motor vehicle manufacturing and in apparel. This sector was affected by several companies that had planned week shutdown for retooling and maintenance in December, so it may rebound in January," said Shanker.

The government sector, which includes public education, public administration agencies and state-owned hospitals, decreased by 800 jobs in December 2012. The sector had 1,200 fewer jobs compared to December 2011.

The construction sector posted a decrease of 1,100 positions in December 2012 from a month ago. Since December 2011, employment in construction has fallen by 2,000 positions or 3 percent.

Kentucky's professional and business services sector fell by 1,400 jobs from November 2012 to December 2012. This category includes establishments engaged in services that support the day-to-day activities of other organizations, including temporary employment services. Since last December, jobs in the sector have increased by 11,300.

"Overall, professional and

business services have grown steadily on a year-to-year basis for over three years. The recent decline is in temporary services which may indicate that employers added more staff than necessary in the fall and are now being more cautious," said Shanker.

The state's trade, transportation and utilities sector lost 2,400 jobs in December 2012. This is the largest sector in Kentucky with 377,800 positions, and accounts for about 20 percent of nonfarm employment. Since December 2011, jobs in this sector have increased by 9,600 or 2.6 percent.

"None of the major subcategories in this sector posted a month-to-month gain in December 2012, though compared to a year ago there was substantial gain in employment," said Shanker. "For example, retail trade employment was up by 5,500 from the same period a year ago."

Civilian labor force statistics include nonmilitary workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Learn more about Kentucky labor market information at www.kylmi.ky.gov.

BENEFIT

Meeting to be held to plan benefit for Craig family

A meeting will be held at Maupin United Methodist Church fellowship hall on Thursday, January 24 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is to organize a benefit for the Duck and Jewell Craig family. Anyone willing to help this family in any way is welcome to come out to this meeting. The benefit is to raise money to help assist in their burial expenses; this family suffered such a tragic loss of losing two parents within two weeks of each other. Now that the holidays have calmed down, we are coming together as a community that cares for one another and to show our support.

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Clinton County Area Technology Center recognizes students for the outstanding character trait of 'team player'

The faculty and staff in the five career and technical education programs at Clinton County Area Technology Center have implemented a "Student of the Month" program where a specific character trait is selected each month, and instructors in each department select one student who most nearly exemplifies that character trait while attending Clinton County ATC.

Shown from each department are students who most nearly exemplified the character trait of **team player** and who represent November's Students of the Month.

Instructors used a set of guidelines defining **team player** and selected a student according to those guidelines. The faculty and staff are proud to honor deserving students with a certificate of appreciation and with a school lobby photo display during the month following their selection.



Jacob Johnson with Jerry Bell, Electricity Tech instructor.



Tyler Beaty with Jason Harlan, Carpentry instructor.



April Little with Teresa Giles, Office Technology instructor.



Courtney Bowlin with Billie Frye, Health Sciences instructor.



Matthew Braswell with Jesse Burchett, Welding Tech instructor.



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County

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members, a magistrate inquired about a rumor that IDA members were receiving a stipend, or some type of expense allowance per month. Judge Huff said he had talked to one of the board’s members who had indicated the board could be entitled to a monthly expense account.

Charlette Koger told the Clinton County News on Friday afternoon following the court meeting that to her knowledge, no Industrial Authority Board member was receiving any type of monthly allowance.

Another board member contacted after the meeting in regards to the issue also said they had never received any compensation or monthly allowance of any type and the only thing a board member may be entitled to might be out-of-pocket reimbursement. For example, if a board member spent their own money on Industrial Authority business such as attempting to attract industry or promote the county, they could submit receipts for the money they spent out-of-pocket and get that amount back.

In other court meeting related business, County Clerk Sheila Braswell-Booher addressed the court on the issue of this year’s county clerk’s office budget.

Booher, in presenting the 2013 budget for approval, said her office covered all of its own personal expenses from office supplies, books, paper, pens, etc. She also noted that a couple of her full-time employees had health insurance elsewhere, which would help result in savings to the county budget.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by Magistrate Mickey Riddle to approve the county clerk’s office budget

for the coming year, with the motion passing by unanimous vote.

Judge Huff then presented the sheriff’s office budget, noting it was about \$2,500 more than last year.

Sheriff Rick Riddle noted that most of that extra expense was the higher price of gas and fuel. While questioned about the sheriff’s salary and number of personnel in the department, it was noted that the county paid the sheriff’s salary and his office personnel, which totals only three other than the sheriff himself, through fees.

The office collects four percent of the total county tax collections to help operate the office from year-to-year.

In both cases with the county clerk’s and sheriff’s office budget, any excess fees collected during a year are returned to the county.

Magistrate Patty Guinn made a motion to approve the sheriff’s office budget as presented, which passed 5-0 with Magistrate Riddle abstaining.

Sheriff Riddle then presented the county with an excess fees check in the amount of \$15,075.

Also, in relation to his office, the sheriff noted the current console in the office was in bad shape and had been written up twice by the insurance company for electrical hazards. He requested he be allowed to purchase a new console for \$7,500.00. A motion to allow the purchase was made by Magistrate Terry Buster and again passed 5-0 with Magistrate Riddle abstaining.

Judge Huff then briefly discussed county employee health insurance with the court members. He said the magistrates should begin thinking about the issue from now through early February, when it is expected to be discussed at a conference that court members will apparently be attending.

Employee health insurance, which is a major expenditure to the county government and has been a topic of discussion in months and years past, is expected to again go up this year and the policy renewal comes up in March.

The court then voted to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, with both Jailer Gene Ferrill and Director of Emer-

gency Services Lonnie Scott (at different times) being present in the closed portion of the meeting.

After voting to go back into open session, judge Huff announced no action taken and the meeting was adjourned.

The judge also presented a recent press release from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Nashville District pertaining to the Wolf Creek Dam repair project.

The letter, from Joanne Mann, Executive Assistant/Congressional Liaison with the Nashville District, reads, for the most part: “The Nashville District Corps is ahead of schedule and making plans to raise Lake Cumberland this spring as Wolf Creek Foundation Remediation Project nears completion. The barrier wall is currently on track to be completed by the early spring of 2013, which is significantly ahead of the previously planned completion date in December 2013. The barrier wall is the most critical component of the dam safety project and will have to be completed prior to raising the lake level. This is a great news story for the Corps, the Region and the Nation.”

The next regular meeting of Clinton Fiscal Court is scheduled for Thursday, February 21 at 5 p.m. at the courthouse and is open to the general public.

Donor

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the confidential registry and receive the organ donor heart. Every heart we print gives hope to patients and families in need,” explained Staton.

Staton also added that if you have already renewed your license you must purchase a duplicate license for \$12.00 if you wish the heart logo to be present or you can wait until you renew your license again, at which time the regular renewal fee would be charged. The cost is for the license renewal/duplicate. The cost to have your name on the registry, of course, is free.

For more information on the new organ donor heart license, call the Clinton County Circuit Court Clerk’s office at 387-6424.

Schools

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afternoon that the decision to cancel classes once again was made when attendance that day was only 85.62 percent across the district.

By school, the rates were: Albany Elementary, 85.28; Early Childhood Center, 85.08; Clinton County High School, 85.37 and Clinton County Middle School, 84.36.

York noted that since this past Monday was Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and schools were going to be closed anyway, it would give students and faculty a total of five days off, saying she hoped the extra day in which there were no classes anyway would give enough time for everyone to get well.

Clinton County Superintendent Charlotte Bernard said in a brief interview Monday that the process for determining whether or not school should be closed due to illness is based on attendance.

“I consulted with our Director of Pupil Personnel. She monitors the attendance from day to day,” Bernard said. “When we suspect we have flu or a stomach virus going around, we monitor the average daily attendance.”

Bernard said each school takes attendance early each morning and York monitors the attendance throughout the day when illness is a factor.

“A lot of times if you are having a lot of sickness throughout the day, a large number of the students will sign out and the reason they put will be sickness,” Bernard said. “That indicates that you do have illness that merits watching.”

During the winter months, flu and other sickness can spread throughout the school system, bringing attendance numbers down. Bernard said she has to have at least one day in school for her to evaluate numbers and once the attendance percentage gets to a certain point, she determines when school will be let out.

“I have to collect the data in

order to see how many of our students are impacted,” Bernard said. “I can’t go on based on what I’m hearing. I have to have proof and data to back up my decision.”

Bernard said the first day back after the Christmas break, the attendance was very high.

“It was almost 94 percent and it remained high throughout that week,” Bernard said. “There is not a magic number. I called around and asked some of the superintendents in other counties and you get alarmed when your schools get in the 80s as far as percentages are concerned. Most of the schools were at about 88 percent and that was a concern to me. At that point it is the best for students.”

Bernard said the janitors at each school are taking extra

precautions in order to keep the school as germ free as possible.

“Right after we got back from Christmas and there were a lot of rumors about the sickness, I e-mailed the principals and asked them to make sure and clean the bathrooms good, students desks-tops and spray with disinfectant and things like that,” Bernard said.

Over the past several years, Bernard said as a whole the attendance has been improving from year to year. This year the schools have been up about a half percent from last year.

“We are having an average of 94 percent attendance which is up from last year,” Bernard said. “We finished last year at 93.5 percent. When I see our percentages get into the 80s, I think it’s time to turn out for a few days.

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REGIONAL NEWS

WAYNE CO. OUTLOOK Monticello

After deliberating for approximately eight hours on Friday, January 11, a Warren County jury acquitted Bryan Daniels, of Monticello, of murder, first degree substance endangerment to a child and engaging in organized crime.

The not guilty verdicts came after a week-long trial, held in Warren Circuit Court.

The charges against Daniels stemmed from the May 2009 death of his 20-month-old son Kayden Branham, who officials said drank drain cleaner that was used to make methamphetamine.

The trial was moved to Russell County first, because attorneys were concerned about the ability to seat a jury locally.

Last June, a mistrial was declared in Russell County, after the effort to seat a jury there failed. At that point, the case was moved to Warren County.

Daniels, who has spent the last 44 months in custody, hugged family members and his defense team after Wayne Circuit Judge Vernon Miniard, Jr. read the verdict.

"I'm very happy, I've been waiting for this for almost four years," Daniels told the Bowling Green Daily News following the trial. "I'm ready to straighten my life out and be a better person."

Daniels told the Bowling Green newspaper that he had not been allowed to attend Kayden's funeral or to visit his grave. He said that was the first thing he planned to do.

"He knew I wouldn't do anything to hurt him," Daniels said of his son, as he talked to the newspaper.

Jury selection in Daniels' trial began on Monday and by the end of the day the 12-person jury had been seated.

Opening statements in the case were heard on Tuesday, as was testimony by Kayden's mother, Alisha Branham.

In his opening argument, Mark Stanziano, representing Daniels, said that the Kentucky

Cabinet for Health and Family Services failed to properly protect Kayden and his mother, who was only 14 years old then. He said there were concerns about Alisha's mother, Melissa Branham, using drugs, yet she failed to show up 40 times when state social workers called to request that she take a drug test.

He said she took four tests, passing one and failing one. The other two samples were diluted, according to Stanziano. Alisha Branham and her son were supposed to live with Melissa Branham, according to statements made last week.

But Alisha testified that the electricity and water had been turned off at her mother's home, so she and Kayden were living in a trailer that her father, Larry Branham, rented so she could keep milk for Kayden and take care of him.

On the day that Kayden died, people made meth in that trailer, according to Commonwealth Attorney Matthew Leveridge in his opening statement to the jury.

Leveridge said that Danny Anderson II, Alisha Branham's uncle, admitted that he put Liquid Fire in a coffee cup while making meth at the trailer.

During her testimony on Tuesday, Alisha Branham described the death of her son. She told the jury that she and Daniels took Kayden away from the trailer when others used it to make meth. That was what the couple did on May 30, 2009, according to her testimony.

At some point that day, Alisha Branham said that she and Daniels went back to the trailer and saw that the meth making had concluded. She said there was finished meth on a plate in the bedroom. She testified that she and Daniels used meth that day.

Alisha Branham and Daniels left the trailer again, taking Kayden to stay with a relative. She said she made an effort to clean up the trailer before they picked up Kayden and brought him back around 10 or 10:30 p.m.

She testified that Kayden grabbed the coffee cup, which was sitting on a table in their bedroom. Daniels took it away from him but put it where Kayden could still reach it, according to Branham's testimony.

She told the jury she put on a movie for Kayden to watch, while Daniels went to the kitchen to get the boy some juice to drink. She was putting on a nightshirt when she saw Kayden with the cup. Alisha Branham said he had already taken a drink.

"He grabbed his tongue as if he'd drank something hot," Branham said.

Alisha Branham ran to the kitchen sink and tried to get the boy to drink cold water, but he was having trouble breathing and seemed afraid to drink, she testified.

She, Daniels and her father then rushed Kayden to the hospital, where the boy died a short time later.

Wednesday, officers who investigated testified the boy's death provided testimony regarding interviews they conducted with Daniels.

Daniels told police that he thought the liquid in the coffee cup was juice. He stated that if he had known it contained poison, he would have poured it out.

Prosecutors finished with their case on Thursday, and Stanziano asked that Circuit Judge Vernon Miniard, Jr. dismiss the charge of making methamphetamine against Daniels. Miniard agreed to dismiss the charge.

Alisha Dicken, 24, who was also a defendant early on in the case, was on the stand Thursday, as the defense presented its case.

Dicken was first charged with murder and other meth-related charges, but entered a plea deal to reduced charges. She was sentenced to 10 years in jail, probated for five years and placed in pretrial diversion.

Dicken said on the stand that she was a recovering meth addict, but had not used meth in 14 months. She said she saw Anderson II make meth in the trailer on the day that Kayden died. She said Anderson was in the bedroom of the mobile home and he used a two-liter bottle with the chemicals needed to make meth.

Also on the stand on Thursday was Ashley Dobbs, a state social worker who was assigned to monitor Melissa Branham's custody of Alisha Branham and Kayden.

Stanziano alleged during his opening argument that the state failed to adequately protect the

two minors.

Dobbs testified that she visited Branham's home in Monticello 10 days before Kayden died. She said the boy was there, but Alisha Branham was not.

Dobbs said Melissa Branham had acknowledged she had no electricity, but said she had been staying at night with a relative and giving Kayden baths there.

Dobbs said Melissa Branham told her she had made arrangements to move to another residence with electricity.

Dobbs stated that if she had received a report that Alisha Branham and Kayden were living in an inappropriate place, she would have asked a judge to move them.

Stanziano rested the defense's case on Thursday.

After closing statements on Friday, the case went to the jury.

Daniels is the first of four defendants to be tried in connection with Kayden's death.

Also charged with murder are James Hunt and Danny Ray Anderson II.

The two men are also charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, controlled substance endangerment to a child and engaging in organized crime.

Larry Branham, the boy's grandfather, is charged with controlled substance endangerment to a child, complicity to manufacture methamphetamine and engaging in organized crime.

An informational meeting for the public is set for Tuesday, January 29 regarding the proposed reconstruction of KY 90 from Old Mill Springs Road to the bridge at mile point 19.5.

The meeting will be held from 5 until 7 p.m. Eastern Time at the ASPIRE Center.

The format of this meeting is informal, and the public will be able to view maps of the proposed alternates.

Both oral and written statements may be submitted during the meeting, as well as at the District Office of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

These statements will be made part of the official meeting record.

Members of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet will be present at the meeting to answer questions.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Ken Upchurch has been selected as the Republican nominee for the upcoming special election for 52nd District State Representative.

The vacancy in the office occurred after Sara Beth Gregory was elected 16th District State Senator in December. A special election to fill the representative's seat has been set for Tuesday, February 12. The district includes Wayne and McCreary counties, as well as a portion of Pulaski County.

Upchurch was selected during a caucus of Republican leaders from all three counties included in the 52nd District. The meeting was held at the Burnside Fire Department on Thursday, January 10.

It is a position that Upchurch is very familiar with, since he previously served as 52nd District State Representative for 12 years.

"I'm very honored," said Upchurch, as he talked about the opportunity. "I am looking forward to it."

Upchurch opted not to run for re-election to the legislative seat two years ago, but when this opportunity came up he talked with friends and family before making a decision to become a possible candidate.

He feels that his 12 years of experience in the legislature is a definite plus in this race.

"I have the experience of being a representative and that is on my side...I know my way around the process," said Upchurch.

The campaign time will be a short one for the special election, as candidates have less than four weeks to put together their strategy.

Upchurch said he has already been working to assemble a campaigning structure and he has been busy contacting as many people as possible. He had an appearance planned in McCreary County earlier last week.

TIMES JOURNAL Russell Springs

Judge-Executive Gary Robertson presented all assembled with a State of the County Address at the regularly scheduled meeting of the fiscal court on Monday, January 14.

Robertson said the financial shape of the county government is continuing to improve compared to the last couple of years, but that upcoming changes threaten the security of the county's finances.

While there were many particulars addressed, cost increases and projects of varying degrees of importance that will need to be addressed, his emphasis was on the effects of letting the occupational tax rate return to the .25 percent of a couple of years ago, instead of renewing the current one percent occupational tax rate, or according to his calculations and with painful cuts, at least a three-quarter percent tax rate.

Under the one percent occupational tax rate the county raised \$1,953,572.65 in 2012.

Prior to addressing the predicament the county faced under varying tax rates, Robertson addressed many funds, receipts and expenses, some of which follows.

Jail expenses totaled \$1,780,549.95, of which \$920,958.82 was reimbursed (\$627,000 through keeping state inmates). This left a cost of \$859,591.13 falling to the county. It was mentioned that with the keeping of state inmates the new jail with a much higher capacity actually cost less than it did to maintain the old jail and pay for housing to other counties able to take overflow.

Robertson said the number one question he receives from people are about road funds. Road funds are in no way connected to the general funds, he pointed out in his county address. The amount is set by a state formula that consists of gas tax, vehicle sales, county road miles and population.

In addition to regular funding this year, we also received \$214,364 in Flex Funding, \$222,513 in Discretionary Funding and an additional \$31,900 in emergency road aid.

Many other road projects were taken on and the county completed building a new Mt. Eden bridge and has an application in for a grant to fund another this year.

No funds from the occupational tax is used toward road expenses, he emphasized.

At a cost of \$225 a month, Robertson says the county has been able to participate in the Feeding America Commodities Program and has served an average of 188 people a month of the last year.

The county's recycle program continues to grow and with the hire of two new full time employees and an expansion to the facilities, the total receipts for the program is \$74,208.46 with total expenses of \$122,926.16.

Dispatch 911 Services receipts were \$161,784.10 and expenses were \$286,327.96. The ambulance service as well as the cities of Russell Springs and Jamestown contributed \$25,000 each to fund the service.

The funding for the "Rocket Docket" program through the Commonwealth Attorney's office in the amount of \$25,000 has resulted in a savings of \$161,304, Robertson said.

Continuing the issue of the occupational tax and the consequences of it reverting to the 2010 level of a quarter of a percent, Robertson said, "the court will need to take a broad look at several budget issues," while recognizing that the decisions will not be easy to make, but that "it is our job as elected leaders to make sure Russell County is in the best possible position for long term growth and prosperity. Our decisions could very well have long lasting implications."

A breakdown of estimated revenues under varying occupational tax rates, based on current year expenses, would look like this, according to Robertson, who said he had to do some refiguring after receiving word that large layoffs over the coming year would result in tax losses equaling \$137,207.

With the new information he presented these numbers:

- * 1% - A budget surplus of \$381,067.
- * 3/4% - A budget deficit of (-\$73,023).
- * 1/2% - A budget deficit of (-\$527,114).
- * 1/4% - A budget deficit of (-\$981,206).

The occupational tax debate will continue through the coming months as a rate will have to be determined by April of this year.

Further information on the budget projects is available on the county's website at www.rcky.gov or by searching Russell County Fiscal Court on Facebook.

In a related issue, Occupational Tax Administrator Bobbie Garner asked the court how to proceed with noncompliance businesses. She asked the court

for permission to advertise in the local newspaper those businesses that have not paid the tax after numerous attempts by her office to receive a reply.

Garner said there were between 20 and 25 who have not complied.

County Attorney Kevin Shearer said he did not see a problem in proceeding with this course of action.

Garner said the publishing of the names would not include an amount due, and that if after a deadline is not met, further action may be warranted through the County Attorney's office.

She said she has also had some difficulty in registering a few new businesses that have started in the past year. Shearer said he felt the best course of action in this case would be, if her office is not able to contact them, would be to have the County Attorney's office attempt to contact, not requiring a publishing in the newspaper.

Confusion surrounding medical air transport that arose during last month's fiscal court session was reintroduced, with representatives of Air Evac, a membership driven service based out of Albany, and Air Methods, a service based in Somerset, attending the discussion.

Last month's concern over utilization of air evacuation ambulance services were quickly put to rest as the court was informed that unnecessary calls were less than two percent standard for the state, with the county comparing favorably lower than many other counties in the region. There were a total of 119 requests for flight from January 1, 2012 through December 16, 2012 with a total of 69 flights occurring, according to information given by Judge/Executive Robertson. Air Evac was responsible for 31 of the flights while Air Methods was responsible for 38 of the flights.

The second part of the discussion centered on protocol in contacting the different agencies. With Air Evac having approximately 4,000 members in their service in Russell County and RC EMS making determination as to which agency to call, based primarily on which service is closer for that part of the county, according to EMS Director Terry Hancock, it appears that some patients might receive unexpected billing that could equal over \$30,000.

There is no provision in the Air Evac membership plan that allows for payment to another air evacuation agency that might be called in their stead, potentially leaving members of the plan still responsible for their air transportation if the correct agency is not notified. Representatives of Air Evac said this was laid out in the terms and conditions of the agreement, but that further efforts could be made to make sure the subscribers understand this, and that there are other air ambulance services operating in the county.

County Attorney Shearer responded to an idea that Magistrate Ronald Johnson said had been introduced to him that Air Evac get the opportunity of first refusal on calls for service. Shearer said that setting a protocol or policy interjecting the county in the process could open the county to liability issues that would need to be fully explored before coming to such a decision.

The critical determination in who will fly patients must put the patients' needs first was the primary message Hancock wanted to acknowledge as well as Russell County Hospital CEO Robert Ramey, who was also in attendance.

The issue was left with an agreement that representatives of the agencies of the Russell County Fiscal Court, Russell County EMS, Russell County Hospital and the two air evacuation agencies to attend a meeting dedicated to working out an understanding of how to proceed, as well as to keep the citizens of the county fully informed on the issue.



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SPORTS

Lady Dawgs defeat Russellville, drop out of All ‘A’

The Clinton County Lady Bulldogs moved to 9-11 on the year after Monday night’s game with Russellville saw the Lady Dawgs pull out a seven point win, 63-56.

Clinton County 63
Russellville 56

Clinton County’s game against Russellville came on Monday, January 21, which was also Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Coach Darrell Thompson said at the beginning of the year that both teams are going to try and hold this date and make it a tradition to play on the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Lady Dawgs stepped up early in the game and picked up a 20 point lead in the first half. The Lady Dawgs led the Lady Panthers 38-20 at halftime, but a slow second half for Clinton County saw Russellville get to within four points late in the

fourth quarter.

With less than 10 seconds remaining in the game, Bree Boils hit two free throws to put the Lady Dawgs up by six, 61-55. After Russellville went to the line for two shots, only making one of the two, Clinton County was then put back on the line with 6.9 seconds remaining.

Ansley Stalcup hit both free throws to seal the deal for the Lady Dawgs and add win number nine to the season, 63-56.

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:

Stalcup.....	22
Elmore.....	12
Dicken.....	8
Boils.....	7
Beard.....	7
Campbell.....	5
Polston.....	2

Clinton County 43
Monroe County 65

The Clinton County Lady Bulldogs lost its first game of the All “A” Regional Tournament to the potential regional winners Monroe County Friday night, 65-43.

Clinton County made it to the semi-finals of the tournament by drawing a first round bye, for being the host team.

Monroe County defeated Metcalfe County in the first round, got past Clinton County in the semi-finals and defeated Glasgow in the finals to be the 4th Region representative in this week’s All “A” Classic State Tournament held in Frankfort.

The Lady Dawgs had its work cut out for them with Monroe County being the favorite with a record of 13-3 before Friday night’s game.

Even though the Lady Dawgs were “against all odds,” Clinton County was not going to roll over and hand it to the Lady Falcons as Kayla Dicken took an early lead with the first basket of the game, 2-0.

Monroe County got on the board with a field goal, followed by another bucket by Dicken.

The Lady Falcons then stepped up its game and found a rhythm by scoring nine unanswered points to take an 11-4 lead.

Dicken stopped the bleeding when she made a basket and was fouled and hit the free throw for a three point play, 11-7.

Monroe then scored back-to-back baskets for a 15-7 lead, but at the 3:15 mark, Tara Elmore hit a field goal to cut the lead to six, 15-9.

Clinton County would only score three more points to finish out the quarter while Monroe County scored six, 21-12.

During the second quarter, both teams struggled to find points to add to each respective side of the scoreboard.

At the half, Monroe led the Lady Dawgs, 33-20, only scoring 12 points in the quarter compared to Clinton County’s eight.

As the third quarter got underway, Monroe County again found some momentum and scored at will against the Lady Dawgs, picking up 19 third quarter points and extending its lead by 21 over Clinton County by the end of the period, 52-31.

To make it to the finals, all Monroe County had to do was coast for the final eight minutes of the game. Monroe County outscored Clinton County by one point in the final period, but the damage had already been done. Monroe County moved to the finals by defeating the Lady Dawgs, 65-43.

Individual scoring for Clinton County was:

Stalcup.....	15
Dicken.....	14
Elmore.....	6
Beard.....	3
Boils.....	2
Langford.....	2
Bookout.....	1

The Lady Dawgs played at home Tuesday night, too late for press deadline, against McCreary Central with the tip off set for 7 p.m.

Clinton County will also be on the road Saturday with a game against Bethlehem, depending on the boys’ status in the All “A” Classic State Tournament this week.



Tara Elmore tied up the ball during the first half against Monroe County in the semi-finals of the All “A” 4th Region Tournament.

Ansley Stalcup went up for a shot against Monroe County in the semi-finals Friday night of the 4th Region All “A” Classic. Clinton County lost the game, 65-43.



Whitney Bookout got inside to put up a shot during Friday night’s game against Monroe County in the 4th Region All “A” Classic semi-finals game. Clinton County lost the game, 65-43.



Above, Alex Beard was selected to the 4th Region All “A” Academic Team during the awards ceremony Saturday night after the conclusion of the girls’ 4th Region All “A” Classic finals.



Ansley Stalcup and Kayla Dicken were selected to the 4th Region All “A” Classic All Tournament Team during Saturday night’s awards ceremony. The Lady Dawgs were defeated in the semi-finals round against Monroe County, which eventually won the championship, 65-43.



TURNOVERS

by Alan B. Gibson

Headed to our state’s Capitol

It’s been a few years, but we’re headed back to the All “A” State Tourney thanks to a closer than I preferred win Saturday night by our Bulldogs over the Scotties of Glasgow in the All “A” Classic 4th Region boys’ basketball tournament held here in the Lindle Castle Gym.

Saturday night’s win was a big one for our program, and a nice piece of revenge for the Big Blue after suffering that heartbreaking loss in the 4th Region tourney last year to the Scotties - a loss that kept us from going to the state level of the All “A” in that 2011-2012 season.

Looking at a little history in the All “A” Classic for our boys’ program:

Although our Lady Bulldogs have a significant history with the All “A” tourney, having captured the state championship twice (2003 and 2004) and a runner-up title (2005), our Bulldogs have only found themselves playing on the state tournament level three times, including this year’s upcoming trip, since the tournament went state-wide in 1990.

All three of those 4th Region All “A” Championship titles have come under the leadership of Coach Todd Messer - 2007 - losing in the quarter-final round, 2009 - losing in the opening round, and now in 2013.

Looking ahead at the 16 teams headed to Frankfort this week, and what the Dawgs are planning for:

Clinton County heads to Frankfort with a nice 13-6 overall record this season, faces the champions of Region 14 (53rd District), the Patriots of Knott County Central, a school making it’s first appearance in the All “A” Classic state tournament.

The Patriots will take an 18-3 record into Thursday night’s game against Clinton County.

An overview of this year’s state bracket shows Knott Central is the second highest ranked team among the 16, with Newport Central Catholic being the topped ranked. Clinton County comes in at seventh, and is the third highest ranked team in the lower

group of the brackets.

All in all - our Bulldogs certainly have their work cut out for them this week in Frankfort, but realistically, their goal of reaching Sunday’s championship game is certainly very “do-able”.

One thing the Dawgs need is plenty of fan support, and with that being said, the call goes out to Big Blue fans to make the trip north to our state’s Capitol Thursday afternoon for the game that night.

A few more particulars about the upcoming All “A” appearance:

While the Bulldogs have been twice before, this will be our first trip since the event moved to Frankfort, so remember, we are headed to the Frankfort Convention Center in the old part of the city, just across the Kentucky River from the Capitol Building.

Tickets for Thursday night’s game are available locally at Clinton County High School during regular school hours at the front office and are \$8. Game time Thursday night is set for 7:00 p.m. local time (Central).

Bottom line - put on the blue and head north and get behind our Bulldogs in this first game against the Patriots. Congrats to the Dawgs and the coaching and support staff on last week’s win - and as always ...

Go Big Blue - We Are Bulldogs!

Back to .500

Another tidbit about last Saturday night’s game in the 4th Region All “A” Classic Championship.

Since records have been researched beginning in 1940, the 45-41 victory over Glasgow set the all-time Clinton County boys’ basketball record back to the .500 mark at 933-933.

When Coach Messer arrived in Clinton County seven years ago, the Bulldog overall record was behind with an 810 - 860 mark. Since that time, Clinton County has gone 123-73 under Messer, bringing us to the .500 status once again.

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SPORTS

Sports in Kentucky *by Bob Watkins*

Sports is less about pomp and final scores than about 'The Spread'



Final scores have never intrigued me. The element that stays on after scoreboards are turned off is The Spread.

Time spread, how the drama builds then plays out from pre-game pomp to first whistle to final buzzer and what happens after. How athletes and fans and media ... handle it. What intrigues me most is how media spins "what it all means." Then, how fans synthesize what they've seen and how they read a result.

When we pause to examine the level of our passion for winners and those who don't, isn't it curious how seldom we remember a score, but how often we recount in detail turning points, the "we wuz robbed" element, the high and low lights?

Examples ...
• Stan Musial died last weekend. The Man was one of baseball's icons, seven batting titles and three MVP awards, Hall of Famer. More, he married his high school sweetheart, had a family, is remembered for wit and kindness, smiled alot and, at the slightest invitation, playing the harmonica. And, if the Cardinals ever tried to trade him, he said he would quit the game.

Musial was remembered by a fellow hall of famer as "Everybody loved Stan. The guy had no enemies in baseball." What higher tribute?

• The Harbaugh brothers. Unprecedented, John and Jim have arrived at the summit of their careers together and on opposite sidelines. Men who were boys who competed at baseball board

games in the backyard, are going to Super Bowl XLVII.

Task: Keeping cameras out of the faces of the coaches' proud parents.

Good stuff.

• 20th anniversary. Western Kentucky honored its 1992-93 basketball team (26-6) last weekend. Coach Ralph Willard (who had the best job he ever quit) was on hand at Diddle Arena along with stars Mark Bell and Darnell Mee. Conspicuous by his absence, a sophomore on the 1993 team and future Hilltoppers head coach, Darrin Horn.

• Billy Donovan's Florida team gave its coach his 400th career win. Donovan gave it back. "All those individual things, as (they) relates to coaching, it's much, much more a reflection of players I've had to coach here," he said. At 42, Donovan isn't only the dean of SEC coaches, but by a good margin based on conviction to doing it the right way consistently, is among best of the best nationally.

• Syracuse and Jim Boeheim did more than defeat top ranked Louisville last Saturday. The Orange handed Rick Pitino a tactical gift. No coach wants his team atop the rankings in January when tournament seeds are awarded in March. Too, being beaten at Yum Center puts the mute button down on players with tendency to wag their tongues.

More good stuff?

• Michael Kidd-Gilchrist. As part of National Mentoring Month, he paid for 14 children

from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte to attend last Saturday's game against the Sacramento Kings. One of Kentucky's all-time favorites, Kidd-Gilchrist, when he heard more than 300 children in the program have no mentors and are on a waiting list, remembered the New Jersey neighborhood from whence he came, and stepped up.

• Inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown this summer? Nobody. The Baseball Writers created a nice pause from tiresome rewrites on bad boy Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and the rest. Humble pie is a good thing.

• Ex-NBA star Charles Barkley told Kentucky fans what some (grudgingly) already know — none of the 2012-13 Wildcats is NBA ready. Barkley didn't stop there. Because a rule has a loophole or gray area (for 18-year-olds), does not justify a coach violating its spirit.

"I love John Calipari," he said, "but I hate the one-and-done thing."

Best of the best?

• Close to home: Montgomery County High School officials did a wonderful thing last week. For dedicating four decades of his life to WMST radio play-by-play for boys' and girls' games, broadcaster Dan Manley discovered his name had been painted onto the gymnasium floor.

Classy. Lesser known, Manley has entertained listeners around Mt. Sterling for decades, interviewing an incredible list of Hollywood and national celeb-

rities and sports stars. For what Manley has brought to the state, he should have been inducted into the Kentucky Hall of Fame long ago. Never mind the KH-SAA.

LOW LIGHTS?

• In one interview Lance Armstrong tried to explain away 20 years of lying.

• Heisman Trophy runner-up Manti T'eo tried to explain also while Notre Dame did damage control. T'eo, whom Dick Vitale gushed over ad naseum during Kentucky's game at Notre Dame November 29, was having to man-up, deal with a blizzard of hoax jokes. Some of them quite clever.

• New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick ducked out on the media after his team lost to Baltimore. Who cared?

• Baltimore Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs cheapened his team's win over the Pats by wasting time (and venom) kicking on

the vanquished.

And ...

• Dick Vitale being inducted to the National Broadcasters Hall of Fame brought a reader to write, "somebody clue me in on HOW, or maybe more aptly, WHY, Vitale has been allowed to grace air waves all these years. He's a self-proclaimed basketball expert and horrid commentator. He sure fooled somebody at ESPN."

Comment: And laughing all the way to the bank.

WORTH REPEATING

Finally, a report from Bleacher Report about candidates for college hoops John Wooden Award for player of the year included this: "Dominant teams like Florida, Arizona and Butler are not represented on this list, because they don't have star players on their roster(s). Their high merit has been a result of balance."

Comment: A college hoops team being disqualified for team-ness? A pattern? The coaches — Billy Donovan, Sean Miller and Brad Stevens.

And so it goes.



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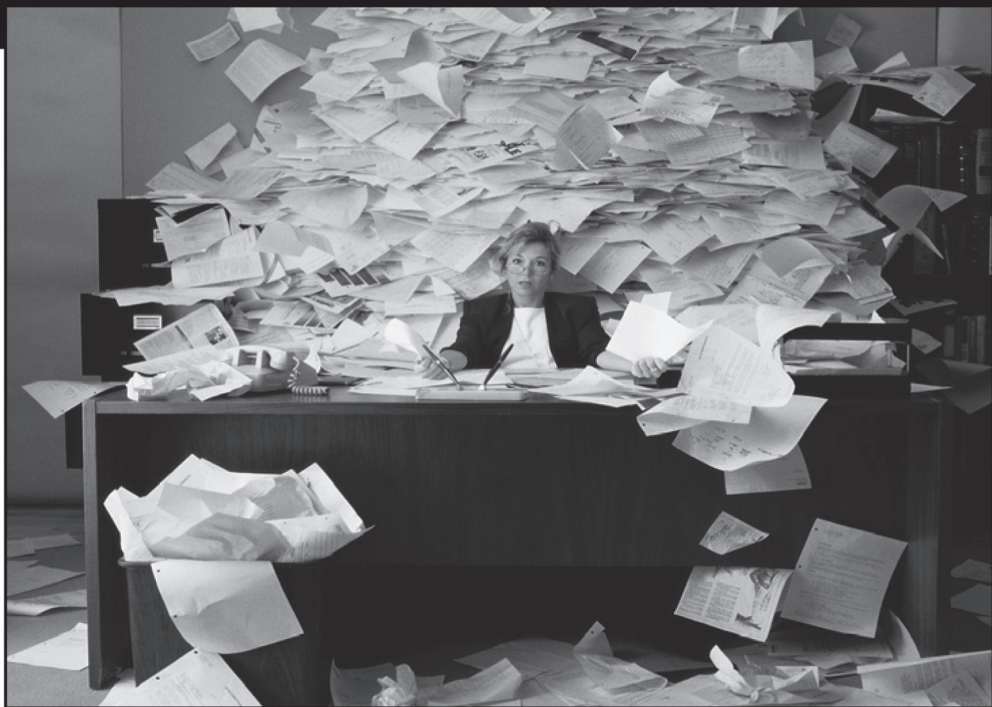
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Holli Theele Robison

Holli Theele Robison, 39, Albany and formerly of Villa Hills, Kentucky, passed away Friday, January 18, 2013 at her home. She was a member of Latonia Baptist Church and Crescent Springs Baptist and was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ted and Gerry Ward, Art and Alice Theele and an aunt.

She is survived by two sons, Clayton and Camden Robison; her parents, Mike and Pam Theele, all of Albany; a brother, Nick (Heather) Theele, Villa Hills, KY; also several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Swindler and Currin Funeral Home in Covington, Kentucky with final resting place in Highland Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Swindler and Currin Funeral Home.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge, 1504 College Way, Lexington, Ky. 40502; Hospice of Lake Cumberland, 100 Parkway Dr., Somerset, Ky. 42503, or Pink Ribbon Girls, P.O. Box 58420, Cincinnati, Ohio 45258. Online condolences may be made at swindler-currinfh.com.

Cindy Ann Feekes

Cindy Ann Feekes, 52, Radcliff, Kentucky and a native of Albany, passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at her residence. She was the daughter of the late Grady Conner and a member of Valley View Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Bill Feekes; a son, Cody Feekes, both of Radcliff, KY; her mother, Rosie Lee Conner, Albany; two brothers, Bill Conner, Knoxville, TN; Wendell Conner, Elizabethtown, KY; a sister, Drendy Summers, Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

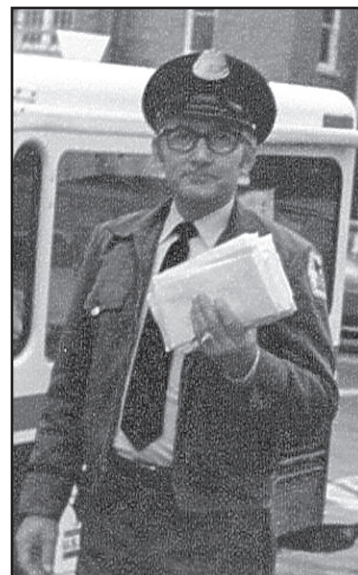
Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Valley View Baptist Church. Final resting place in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central in Radcliff. Arrangements made through Coffey and Chism Funeral Home of Vine Grove. Online condolences may be made at www.coffeyandchism.com.

Barbara A. Matthews

Barbara A. Matthews, 71, Albany, passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at Clinton County Hospital. She was a member of Peolia United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Christy Matthews, Albany; two sisters, Lena Alice Stockton and Mary Dean Anderson; a brother, Gene Craft; also two grandchildren, Haley and Nathaniel Matthews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Talbott Funeral Home with Bro. David Stearns and Bro. Larry Martin officiating. Final resting place in Tuggle Cemetery. Arrangements made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.



Robert Shelley

Robert Shelley, age 91, Wisdom Dock Rd., Albany, passed away Friday, January 18, 2013 at Clinton County Hospital. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 28 years, was a member of Cedar Hill United Methodist Church and veteran of World War II. Hewas preceded in death by his wife, Sallie Mae Butler Shelley.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Clement and Mary Shelley, Albany; Wayne and Charlene Shelley, Corydon, IN; four grandchildren, Patty (Richard) Crouch; Charlotte Bernard; Adam (Shannon) Shelley; and Sharla (Brent) Elliott; also nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 20, 2013 at 2 p.m. at Cedar Hill United Methodist Church with Bro. Donnie Shelley, Bro. Dewey Aaron and Bro. Bob Thrasher officiating. Final resting place in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements made through Talbott Funeral Home of Albany.



Jedediah Thane Criswell

Jedediah Thane Criswell, 22, Byrdstown, Tennessee and formerly of Monticello, Kentucky, passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2013 in Byrdstown.

He is survived by his father, Danny Criswell, Monticello, KY; his mother and step-father, Rebecca and Eric Riggle, Byrdstown, TN; a brother, Jason Criswell; a sister, Chasity Criswell, both of Monticello, KY; special friend, Hope Piercy; also two nieces, two nephews and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 19, 2013 at 3 p.m. at Campbell-New Funeral Home with Bro. Donny Reagan officiating. Final resting place in Memorial Hill Cemetery in Clinton County. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to help pay funeral expenses. Arrangements made through Campbell-New Funeral Home of Albany. Online condolences may be made at www.campbell-new.com.

Anderson wins house decoration contest



Chamber of Commerce Vice-President Willard Johnson presented Betty Anderson with a \$100 prize for winning the chamber's Christmas Decoration Contest. Betty and Todd Anderson's house was selected by judges during the Christmas Holiday.

Guffey receives accommodation for patrol duties with Albany Police



Albany Police Officer Jim Guffey, center, was presented with the Governor's Award for his duties as a police officer. The award is an accommodation for the apprehension of impaired drivers. Guffey had 14 D.U.I. arrests from May through October. Presenting Guffey with the award was Mayor Nicky Smith, left, and Albany Police Chief Ernest Guffey.

Dam

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That reduction in level has caused several adverse situations for the marinas on the lake, as well as for several communities such as Albany that depended on Lake Cumberland for it's municipal water supply.

With a water intake system near Seventy Six Falls originally, the City of Albany was forced to find funding to move that pumping facility to deeper water in order to insure that there would be no interruption in water supply should the Corps be forced to lower the lake level even further.

Held at a level of 680 feet throughout most of the now seven year-long rehabilitation con-

struction process, the announcement of plans to raise the level up to as high as 705 feet was welcomed news to say the least.

"It's going to be a tremendous boost to our business in so many ways - houseboat rentals, pontoon rentals, gasoline sales," Mercader told the Clinton County News on Monday of this week, still speaking from the Cincinnati Boat Show via telephone. "The increased traffic to our dock will be tremendous - just a big boost."

The lower lake levels that have been experienced during the construction process also meant that the lake's premier gathering spot for summertime boaters - the pool of water below Clinton County's Seventy Six Falls, was also inaccessible to boaters most of the time.

The increased lake level announced last week by the Corps of Engineers, will change that

and allow boaters to once again congregate at the popular attraction.

"7-0-5 puts the party back in the cove at Seventy Six Falls," Mercader said unable to hold back the excited tone in his voice.

The announced levels of 700 to 705 feet for the upcoming summer tourism season, is still some 20 feet short of the 720 feet elevation that was considered to be a typical "summer pool" level in normal operations.

The problems with Wolf Creek Dam that brought about the extensive rehabilitation project stemmed from the way it was originally constructed back in the 1940s and 1950s.

Built atop a system of karst geology that included caves and caverns below it's foundation, water began seeping underneath the structure, weakening the integrity of the dam that is a com-

bination of concrete structure joined with a earthen section that makes up the nearly mile-long feature that holds back the Cumberland River to form Lake Cumberland.

The project to repair the leaks underneath Wolf Creek Dam, has involved constructing a barrier wall by drilling a series of large holes that reach depths of as much as 275 feet below the dam's work platform, into solid bedrock.

Those overlapping drilled holes, referred to as caissons, were then filled with concrete in a "leap-frog" fashion to form a deep cutoff wall that will hopefully prove to be the final fix to stop the water from seeping through and beneath the dam.

Back in the 1970s, a similar problem was discovered and a project similar to the one now nearing completion was made

in an effort to stop the leaks and seepage then.

However, it was later determined that the earlier repairs were neither deep enough nor long enough to have been totally successful.

The current repair project was not only considerably deeper in its placement of concrete below the dam's foundation, but unlike the repair attempts in the 1970s, this time included the entire length of the earthen portion of the dam.

The most recent project also saw crews paying particular attention to the repair efforts where the concrete portion of the structure and the earthen portion joined.

That area was referred to by both the Corps of Engineers, as well as by the construction firm completing the project, as "Critical Area No. 1" and was the area where the most problems were encountered during the project.

During earlier phases of the repair project, when grout was being pumped into the ground to slow the water seepage before the drilling of the large caissons began, crews made several different attempts at getting the grout to stay in place before finally finding the right combinations to successfully get the material to set up.

Although the project is being completed months before the projected completion date of December of this year, the projected costs that were first announced for the construction has nearly doubled.

In January, 2006, at a public hearing held at Burkesville, officials with the Corps noted that they expected to spend just over \$305 million to make the repairs.

The most recent figures put the cost for the rehabilitation project at about \$594 million.

In last week's announcement, it was noted that the Corps and the contractor, Treviicos-Sole-tanche Joint Venture, have been constantly working together to improve efficiencies and work processes, all the while keeping job safety requirements at the forefront. As a result the barrier wall installation has progressed ahead of schedule.

According to Don Getty, project manager, before raising the lake, a dam safety team composed of an outside advisory panel of experts and experts within various Corps offices nationwide will review data on the completed barrier wall to ensure it meets requisite safety and quality standards. "We expect this review to happen within one month of the barrier wall completion," Getty said.

"The purpose of this initial increment is to determine how the dam reacts to these higher sustained lake levels before raising the lake further," Getty said. "Instruments installed in the dam will be monitored and analyzed during this time. If the dam performs as expected during the initial incremental pool raise and after another safety review, the goal is to return the lake to its historical operating levels without further increments."

"The entire team has been working very hard towards getting this project completed and intends to raise the lake to elevation 700-705 feet by the summer of 2013, which is great news for everyone who loves to recreate at Lake Cumberland. More importantly, completion of the barrier wall will provide the safety to the dam and protection to the communities downstream. It will

also enhance our ability to generate power and reduce low water environmental impacts" said Lt. Col. James A. DeLapp, Nashville District commander.

Achieving this level is dependent on completing the barrier wall and obtaining safety approval by early spring, Getty added. "Sufficient rainfall after approval of the barrier wall will also be part of the equation of raising the lake for the 2013 summer recreation season," he said.

The lake is expected to be operated at its normal range in the fall of 2013 which means it could be lowered to elevation 685 feet as part of the normal water management cycle during the fall and to facilitate final rip rap placement on the upstream face of the earthen portion of the dam. Although the barrier wall will be complete, the project will still have work to remove the work platform extension and its associated rock fill on the dam's embankment.

During recent years, while the repair project was ongoing at Wolf Creek Dam, the concrete work platform that had been constructed on the lake side of the structure had been buzzing with construction equipment and activity from one end of the earthen section, nearly a mile away to the other end.

This week, only a small portion of the equipment that had been in place just a year ago on the platform remained in place as it was clear that the project was, in fact, coming to a successful end.

In conjunction with last week's announcement by the Corps, several other agencies that are directly affected by the news also made announcements of their own concerning how the news effected them, as well as, in the case of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, plans of their own to help boost traffic and return usage of Lake Cumberland to pre-construction levels.

"This is great news for tourists, boaters, fishermen and the marinas and other businesses in the Lake Cumberland area," said Gov. Steve Beshear. "The early completion of the work at Wolf Creek Dam will help bring back much-needed jobs in this area."

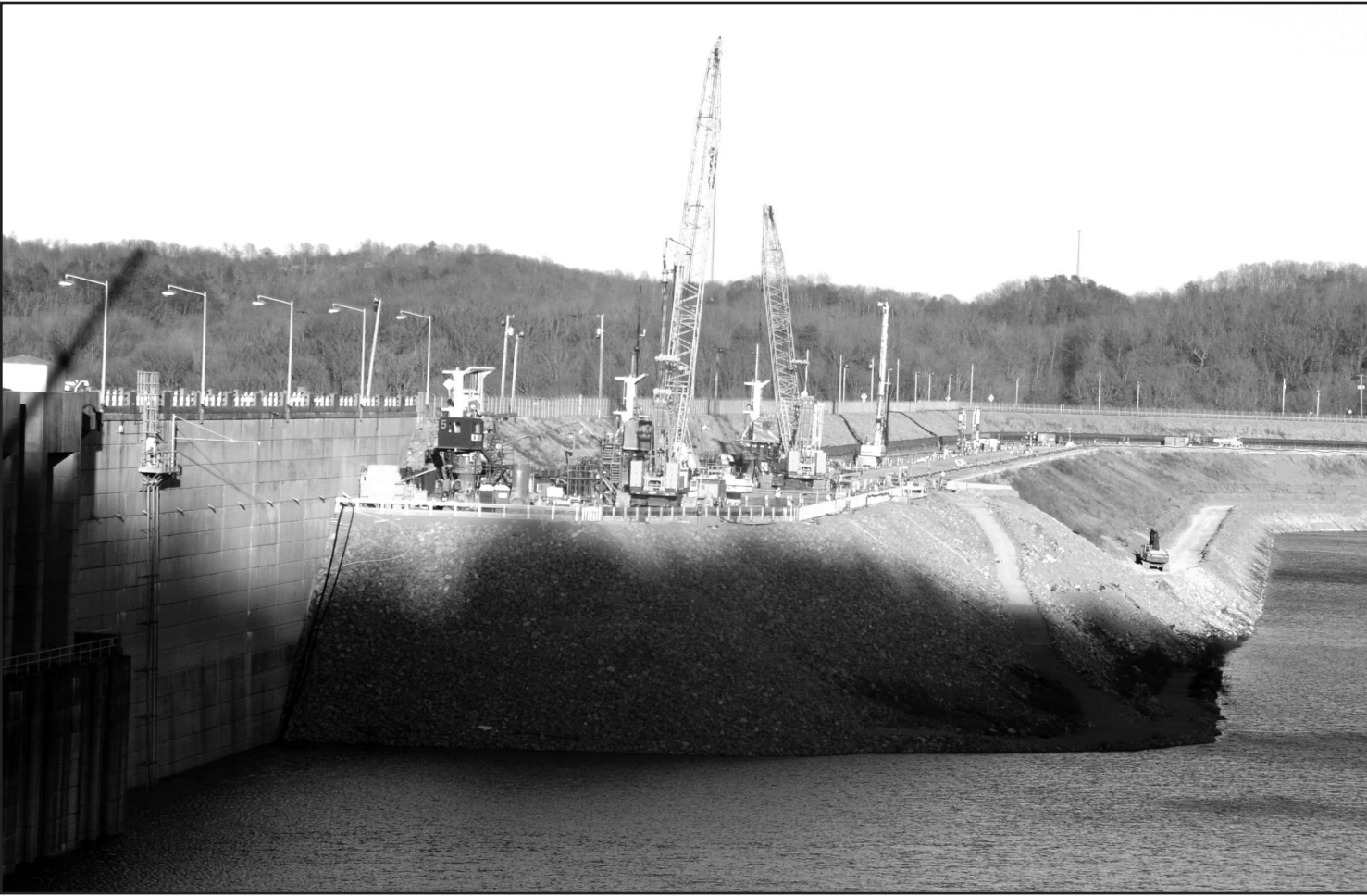
Gerry Buynak, assistant fisheries director for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, said adding water atop the lake's overgrown banks will boost fish populations in Lake Cumberland for the next three to five years.

"This will result in a 'new lake' fish population boom, with very good spawns of fish such as bass and crappie expected," he said. "This vegetation will also provide cover for young fish so survival should increase resulting in the production of very strong year classes."

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will stock 150,000 more walleyes and 150,000 more striped bass than normal this year. Altogether, the department will add 1 million walleye and striped bass to the lake this year to give fishing a boost.

Buynak said the department also plans to jump-start the trophy trout fishery in the Lake Cumberland tailwater by stocking 10,000 trout larger than 15 inches next winter.

"This will bring the fishery back quicker as the abundance of the larger rainbow trout in the tailwater has declined drastically due to poor water conditions," Buynak said.



Although there is still construction activity ongoing on the work platform at Wolf Creek Dam, the amount of equipment and the number of employees is clearly getting smaller on a daily basis as the Corps nears the end of the repair project. The photo at top was made Monday afternoon, and shows a few large cranes and rigs still in place, but for the most part, the section of platform behind that equipment is empty, which was clearly not the case in the photo below, made just over a year ago in November, 2011, when construction crews and equipment were in place along the entire span of the work platform.

The Corps announced last week that the project is expected to be completed this spring and hopes to raise the water level of Lake Cumberland to 705 feet above sea level, some 20 feet higher than the level that has been maintained through much of the rehabilitation project.



Save lives by donating blood

January is National Blood Donor Month, a time when blood donation organizations around the country, such as the American Red Cross, honor those who so generously give their blood to save others' lives.

It also is a chance to encourage people who have never donated to make an appointment.

In the United States, approximately 44,000 blood donations are needed for cancer care, surgeries, and the treatment of serious diseases and trauma every day. That means that every two seconds, someone needs blood, according to the American Red Cross.

"Donating blood is an easy and extremely impactful way you can give back to your community," said Dr. Karen Hanks. "Many people don't realize that by giving just once, you can save the lives of up to three people."

Donating is an easy, four-step process: registration, medical history and mini-physical, dona-

tion, and refreshments. The basic requirements of donating blood are that you are at least 17-years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and meet certain other criteria based on your medical history and mini-physical.

Unfortunately, amidst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and New Year, donating blood falls down the priority list for many people. Holiday schedules and cold and snowy weather make scheduling appointments difficult, and thus the winter months, particularly January, are the most challenging for blood donation organizations.

But the need for donations does not slow for the season. This January, make it your resolution to save lives by donating blood.

Here are a few facts about the donating process to help motivate you to give this winter:*

- Donating blood is a safe process. A sterile needle is used only once for each donor and then

discarded.

- Every blood donor is given a mini-physical, checking the donor's temperature, blood pressure, pulse and hemoglobin to ensure it is safe for the donor to give blood.

- The actual blood donation typically takes less than 10-12 minutes. The entire process, from the time you arrive to the time you leave, takes about an hour and 15 minutes.

- The average adult has about 10 pints of blood in his body. Roughly 1 pint is given during a donation.

- A healthy donor may donate red blood cells every 56 days, or double red cells every 112 days.

- A healthy donor may donate platelets as few as 7 days apart, but a maximum of 24 times a year.

- All donated blood is tested for HIV, hepatitis B and C, syphilis and other infectious diseases before it can be released to hospitals.

If you are interested in giving blood, please contact Jean Ann Mayberry, American Red Cross Blood Services at 931-797-7674. You may also call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go online at www.redcrossblood.org for more information.

U.S. Blood Donor Facts:*

- 16 million blood donations are collected in a year (2006).

- 9.5 million people donate blood in a year (2006).

- 5 million patients receive blood in a year (2006).

- Less than 38% of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood

- Blood cannot be manufactured – it can only come from generous donors.

- The number one reason donors say they give blood is because they "want to help others."

- Half of blood donors are male and half are female.

*Information provided by the American Red Cross

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Bivens family win Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award

Ryan and Misty Bivens bested young farm families from around the country at the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting to take home the Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award. This award recognizes young farmers and ranchers who have excelled in their farming or ranching operations and exhibited superior leadership abilities. Participants are evaluated on a combination of their agricultural operation’s growth and financial progress, Farm Bureau leadership, and leadership outside Farm Bureau.

The Bivens, who were also winners of the Kentucky Farm Bureau’s 2012 Outstanding Young Farm Family, are first-generation farmers on the land they work and own in LaRue County. They raise approximately 2,400 acres of corn, more than 1,900 acres of alfalfa, plus 26 head of commercial beef cattle. The Bivens’ operate on a total of 5,753 acres, own 587 acres of that land and rent the remaining portion.

“We are very excited and honored by receiving the achievement award,” said Ryan. “We have had the goal of entering this competition for over 12 years, and by us winning this, it proves that through hard work and dedication any goal can be achieved when you set your mind to it.”

Ryan Bivens has several Clinton County ties. He is the grandson of the late John K. and Doris Barnett Wells, the great-nephew of Pauline Conner and Keith and Linda Barnett, and the nephew of Danny Wells, all of Clinton County. Ryan’s grandfather, the late Ernest Bivens, was retired from Kentucky State Police and was involved with Trooper Island Camp for many, many years.

KENTUCKY FARM BUREAU

RYAN AND MISTY BIVENS

Pictured are Ryan and Misty Bivens, winners of this year’s Young Farmer and Rancher Achievement Award.

Basketball - it makes me a little crazy ...

I was determined that I would not be one of “those parents.” You know, the crazy sports parents. The ones who yell at their 4-year olds to “focus on the ball.” The ones who get ejected from middle school games for arguing with the referee. And for years, I thought I was safe. Soccer, football, cross-country, track, crew, wrestling – I enjoyed watching my boys in all of those seasons. I believed that participation in sports teaches valuable lessons but at the end of the day, they’re kids and they’re playing games. No need to go crazy.

And then last year, my younger son, then in eighth grade, announced that he wanted to play basketball. I had been suggesting this for a couple of years; John is tall, fast, smart and generally good at any game involving a ball. And unlike pretty much any other sport, I actually know a little something about basketball. But now I realize that this was the beginning of my dive into parental sports insanity.

The chief problem for me has been – and I say this with tremendous love and affection – this team is just not very good. I don’t mean that they always lose; in fact, they are frequently up against teams that they are able to beat. But they have some notable deficits on certain aspects of the game, such as dribbling, passing, and shooting. I can’t explain why this bothers me so much. In any other sport I’ve just been able to relax and enjoy the game.

Also, their very knowledgeable and competent coach has been way too calm for me– no yelling, no profanity, no overturned chairs. His comments during a game are along the lines of, “hey, buddy, you were supposed to go left there; but good hustle!” Normally, he would be my dream coach. But I’m learning that when it comes to basketball, my standards are a little different.

The reasons for the team’s lack of polish are not complicated: our school is small and football is king in this part of Virginia. Of the starting players for our JV and varsity, only two were not also on the football team. This means that basketball practice doesn’t start until football season is over, and this year, since the football team went to the state championship, the first basketball practice was less than two weeks before the first game. With that kind of schedule, it’s probably a miracle that the team has the skill level it does.

In the car driving home from a game, I find myself channeling some inner coach I didn’t know I had: “There’s a reason foul shots are called ‘free throws.’ They’re free! No one’s blocking them, no one’s guarding you. You can take your time. There’s really no reason ever to miss one.” But John has already plugged in his headphones. It’s time to let the game go. He scored a few points, made some rebounds, they won, the coach is happy. Maybe before he graduates in a few years I can learn to accept this as enough. But I’m not sure that’s realistic – after all, it’s basketball and apparently that makes me a little crazy.

Beth Radford Gordon

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The Clinton County News is seeking short, personal stories from you, our readers, for our feature area, *“Let the readers write”*.

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It Puzzles Me!

Original Puzzles and Word Games by Sam Brents



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Headlines in History

January 24, 1848 Gold discovered at Sutter’s Creek	1965 Shelby GT 350 debuts
1965 Winston Churchill dies	January 28, 1986 Challenger explodes after liftoff
January 25, 1924 First Winter Olympics held in the French Alps	1959 Vince Lombardi hired as Packers coach
1971 Manson and followers convicted	January 29, 1861 Divided Kansas enters the Union
January 26, 1986 Bears beat Patriots in Super Bowl XX	January 30, 1948 Gandhi assassinated in New Delhi
1838 Tennessee passes nation’s first prohibition law	1933 Adolf Hitler is named chancellor of Germany, leader of National Socialist German Workers Party
January 27, 1888 National Geographic Society founded	

Japanese soldier found hiding on Guam

January 24, 1972

After 28 years of hiding in the jungles of Guam, local farmers discover Shoichi Yokoi, a Japanese sergeant who was unaware that World War II had ended.

Guam, a 200 square mile island in the western Pacific, became a U.S. possession in 1898 after the Spanish-American War. In 1941, the Japanese attacked and captured it, and in 1944, after three years of Japanese occupation, U.S. forces took Guam back. It was at this time that Yokoi, left behind by the retreating Japanese forces, went into hiding rather than surrender to the Americans. There were ten other Japanese soldiers with him in hiding, with seven of them eventually moving away leaving three in the region. The three separated, but visited each other until about 1964, when the other two died in flooding. The last eight years he lived alone.

In the jungles of Guam, he carved survival tools, hunted by night, and used native plants to make clothes, bedding, and storage implements, which he carefully hid in his cave. For the next three decades he waited for the return of the Japanese and his next orders. Even after finding leaflets declaring World War II over, he still hid, believing the flyers to be false Allied propaganda.

On the evening of January 24, 1972, Yokoi was discovered by Jesus Duenas and Manuel De Gracia, two local men checking their shrimp traps along a small river on Talofofo. They had assumed Yokoi was a villager from Talofofo, but he thought his life was in danger and attacked them. The two men managed to subdue Yokoi and carried him out of the jungle with minor bruising.

After he was discovered, he was finally discharged and sent home to Japan, where he was hailed as a national hero. He subsequently married and returned to Guam for his honeymoon.

Yokoi became a popular television personality and an advocate of austere living. He was featured in a 1977 documentary and eventually received the equivalent of \$300 US dollars in back pay and a small pension. His handcrafted survival tools and threadbare uniform are on display in the Guam Museum in Agnan.

Yokoi died in 1997 of a heart attack at the age of 82. He was buried at a Nagoya Cemetery under a gravestone that had originally been commissioned by his mother in 1955, after Yokoi had been officially declared dead.

POW spends 2,000th day in captivity

January 26, 1970

US Navy Lt. Everett Alvarez Jr. spends his 2,000th day in captivity in Southeast Asia. First taken prisoner when his plane was shot down on August 5, 1964, he became the longest held POW in US history to date. Alvarez was downed over Hon Gai during the first bombing raids against North Vietnam in retaliation for the disputed attack on US destroyers in the Gulf of Tonkin in August 1964. He was especially esteemed by his fellow prisoners because he was, for almost a year, the only aviator prisoner of war.

Alvarez was released in 1973 after spending over eight years in captivity. From the first day of his captivity, he was shackled, isolated, nearly starved, and brutally tortured. Although he was among the more junior ranking prisoners of war, his courageous conduct under horrendous conditions and treatment helped establish the model emulated by the many other POWs that later joined him. He received the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and two Purple Heart medals. After retirement from the Navy in 1980, he served as deputy director of the Peace Corps and deputy administrator of the Veterans Administration during the Reagan administration, before founding his own military consulting firm.

Alvarez, now 76 years old, is married and the father of two. His consulting firm sells IT services to the US government in Washington D.C.

Clinton County News Headlines:

Thursday, January 25, 1951 - Volume 2, #12

Officers seize 144 pints liquor and beer

Sheriff John Sawyer, Deputy Sheriff James Lovelace and State Trooper Keith Speck seized 144 pints of bonded liquor and 20 half-cases of beer Thursday night when they stopped a car near the Alpha post office. Two men, Howard Brake and Rufus Calvin Guffey, Jr., both of Wayne County were arrested and later released on bond. The trial is scheduled for Saturday of this week.

The car, a 1940 Chevrolet coupe in which the whiskey was found, was the property of Guffey.

Pvt. Joe S. Elmore missing in action

Pvt. Joe S. Elmore, son of Mrs. Bertha Elmore, Seminary, Ky., has been reported by the War Department as missing in action in Korea.

Bulldogs win two games

Clinton County High basketball team added two more victories to their credit this week by defeating Marrowbone 58 to 51 last Friday night and Wayne County High School 74 to 54 Tuesday night. Both games were played in Albany.

The Albany second team lost to Marrowbone 39 to 24 and won a thrilling game over Wayne High 31 to 30.

Individual scorings, Marrowbone game: DeForest 16; Lawless 15; York 14; Groce 6; Denton 4; and Cummings 3. Second team scoring: G. Smith 10; Brummett 9; Tuggle 2; Bertram 2; Haddix 1.

Wayne High game scoring: York 24; DeForest 13; Groce 12; Lawless 8; Denton 8; Cummings 7; G. Smith 2. Second team scoring: Bertram 10; Dyer 8; Tuggle 5; G. Smith 5; Brummett 3.

The Bulldogs will go to Burkesville Friday night of this week.

Kentucky Facts and Trivia

In the Civil War era, a state producing great leaders seemed to be Kentucky, the state where both Abraham Lincoln, President of the Union, and Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, were born. They were born less than one hundred miles and one year apart.

Davis, the elder of the two famous statesmen, was born June 3, 1808 in Christian County, the last of ten children of Jane Cook and Samuel Emory Davis. Davis’ father died when he was only 16 years old in 1824. His mother died in 1845.

During his youth, Davis’ family moved twice - once to Louisiana and once to Mississippi. Three of his older brothers served during the War of 1812 and in 1813 Davis began his education at the Wilkinson Academy, near the family cotton plantation in the small town of Woodville. Two years later, Davis entered the Catholic school of Saint Thomas at St. Rose Priory, a school operated by the Dominican Order in Washington County, Kentucky. At the time, he was the only Protestant student at the school. Davis went on to Jefferson College in Mississippi, in 1818, and then to Transylvania University in Lexington in 1821.

Later in life, Davis entered the military academy at West Point, graduating as Second Lieutenant assigned to the 1st Infantry Regiment. Davis was in Mississippi during the Black Hawk War of 1832, but at its conclusion, his Colonel, Zachary Taylor, assigned him to escort the chief Black Hawk to prison. Davis made an effort to shield Black Hawk from curiosity seekers and the chief noted in his autobiography that Davis treated him “with much kindness” and showed empathy for Black Hawk’s situation as a prisoner.

Davis’ conquests in politics included many positions before he was President of the Confederacy. He was the 23rd United States Secretary of War; United States Senator from Mississippi for two separate terms 1857-1861 and 1847-1851; member of US House of Representatives from Mississippi’s at-large district.

He lead an interesting and active life in the years after the Civil War, traveling extensively and still promoting loyalty to the nation at every juncture. He wrote books, gave emotional speeches, and continued to be optimistic concerning American prosperity and the next generation.

Jefferson Davis died at age 81 after becoming ill on a steamboat trip. He returned to New Orleans and became stable for two weeks when he took a turn for the worse and slipped into unconsciousness on December 6, 1889. He was surrounded by family and friends.

Kentucky Breast Care offers the first 3D Mammograms in Southern Kentucky and same day results



There are only three places in KY where you can get a 3D mammogram, and one of them is right here in Lake Cumberland at Russell Springs. Kentucky Breast Care just opened its doors to people who want the best possible breast cancer screening exam. Not only do they have the world's best technology, but they have the only full-year fellowship trained breast radiologist in Southern KY. In addition, Dr. Andrea Woodroof created a "spa-like" facility with an all-women staff to make the screening process as comfortable as possible, and at a lower cost than many 2D



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You do not need a referral to schedule your mammogram and this should be done annually if you are over 40 years old. Kentucky Breast Care is also unique because if they find an abnormality in your breast, they can immediately take additional pictures, and even use a special ultrasound machine that was designed for breasts. They can do all of these services on-site during the same day, and even do a biopsy if needed.

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OBITUARY

Sarah "Evelyn" Roberts

Sarah "Evelyn" Roberts, 83, Indianapolis, passed away January 14, 2013. She was born May 24, 1929 in Albany, KY, the daughter of Nathan Sheridan Felkins and Lela Ellen (Grider) Felkins. Evelyn married Raymond Roberts, Jr., and he preceded her in death. She was also preceded by her parents and a brother in infancy. Evelyn is survived by her children, Raymond "Robby" Roberts (Karon), Kathryn Matthews (Gary), and Patricia Maxwell (Howard); her grandchildren, Emily Hatfield (Chris), Zach Matthews (Shannon), Nathan Matthews, Jacob Maxwell, and Lucas Maxwell; and her great-grandchildren, Will, Max, and Tucker Hatfield. A celebration of Evelyn's full life was held on Saturday, January 19 in Indianapolis, IN. Memorial gifts may be made to the Humane Society of Indianapolis, 7929 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268, the American Cancer Society, or a favorite charity. A tribute to Evelyn's life may be viewed at www.flannerbuchanan.com, where condolences may be shared with her family. She touched the hearts of all who met her with her kindness. She was our everything ...

Mary C. Albertson,
Albany, Kentucky

Notice of public meeting

A public meeting will take place at 11:00 AM Local Time on February 5, 2013 at Albany City Hall, 204 South Cross Street, Albany, Kentucky 42602 for the purpose of providing general information to the public regarding the proposed Albany Emergency Vehicle Purchase project. The public is invited to attend and comment on such issues as economic and environmental impacts, service area, alternatives to the project, and any other pertinent issues.

City of Albany
John N. Smith, Mayor
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Legal notice

Notice is hereby given that Jean Thrasher was appointed by the Clinton District Court on January 8, 2013 as Executrix of the Estate of Kendle Hugh Thrasher, deceased. Any and all persons having claims against, or owing sums to, said estate are required to present same, properly proven and verified according to law, to the Office of the Clerk, Clinton District Court, Albany, Kentucky and to Jean Thrasher, 207 W. Hill Street, Albany, Kentucky 42602 or to Hon. Gary A. Little, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 68, Albany, Kentucky 42602, within six (6) months from the above date.

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Legal notice

Pursuant to KRS 395.600 et al, notice is hereby given that Scott W. Stuart, Administrator of the Estate of James L. Stuart, have been filed in the Clinton District Court of Clinton County, a Final Settlement of the estate, said Final Settlement had been docketed for examination and hearing, if required, on the 19th day of February, 2013 at 9 a.m., Courtroom Justice Center, Albany, Kentucky. Any exceptions must be filed prior to that date.

Jake Staton/Amy Wade, DC

14-3c

Thanks

The family of Millard Murphy would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food, phone calls, visits, flowers and memorial gifts. We thank the Clinton County Ambulance Service, Dr. Cornelious at Clinton County Hospital ER and nursing staff for all their care. Also, thanks to the Somerset Regional Hospital, doctors and nursing staff for their care. A special thanks to Talbott Funeral Home, Holly Stone and Bro. David Dorn for the special memorial service and Albany United Nazarene Church for the meal following the funeral. We appreciate every act of kindness shown to us during our loss. God bless you all.

Family of Millard Murphy

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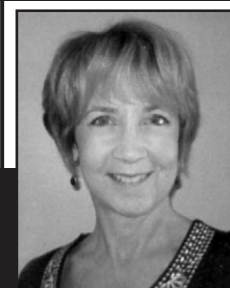
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